

Attachment 3D(1)

Explanatory Note for Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Report

The FAS has reviewed the projects/activities under the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers program that are funded under Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and determined that they are categorically excluded under the National Environmental Policy Act. Actions of FAS are categorically excluded from the preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement unless the agency determines that an action may have a significant environmental effect.

Since our last report, a total of \$22,818,596 was obligated for contract awards and costs associated with the administration of the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers program. Two contracts were awarded during the last quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2009. These include the National Training Center for \$17,640,000 and the information technology software development and hardware costs for \$5,178,896. A total of \$2,189,566 is unreported, since these are direct costs associated with the administration of this program.

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